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GeoQ 03 – Where do Australians come from?



Please note: This task is designed to be completed by hand with the aid of an atlas.
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Data:

Regions of Birth, Proportion of Australia's Population at 30th June

Regions of Birth	2000 %	2010 % (a)	% Change	Examples of Countries
Australia	77.0	73.2	-3.8%	
Oceania and Antarctica (excluding Australia)	2.5	3.1		
North-West Europe	7.8	7.1		
Southern and Eastern Europe	4.5	3.7		
North Africa and the Middle East	1.2	1.5		
South-East Asia	2.8	3.5		
North-East Asia	1.7	3.0		
Southern and Central Asia	1.0	2.5		
Americas	0.9	1.1		
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.8	1.3		

Source: Migration, 2009-10. (ABS cat.no.3412.0) Table 4.3 (a) estimates

Task:

1. How have the regions of birth changed between 2000 and 2010? Complete the % change column in the table above. The first answer has been provided for you. Highlight positive values in blue and negative values in red.

2. The Australian Bureau of Statistics uses the Standard Australian Classification of Countries, (SACC), Publication no. 1269.0 to classify countries into the regions shown above. Use your atlas to place the following countries in the region to which they belong. *Hint:* there are 2 countries per region.

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| • Italy | • Philippines | • New Zealand |
| • India | • Lebanon | • Korea |
| • Greece | • USA | • Germany |
| • South Africa | • Sri Lanka | • Egypt |
| • Canada | • UK | • Vietnam |
| • China (including
Hong Kong SAR) | • Papua New
Guinea | • Zimbabwe |

3. Where and what is the Sahara?

4. Use an atlas to identify the countries listed below that lie in North Africa.

- Zambia
- Algeria
- Morocco
- Libya
- Tanzania
- Nigeria
- Kenya
- Botswana

5. Study the table and complete the sentences below:

Almost three quarters of the Australian population

There has been a decrease in the proportion of people who were born in

There has been an increase in the proportion of people born inregions.

Extension:

6. One of the benefits of migration is the variety of foods that migrants bring to Australia. Research a dish which is new to you and comes from one of the regions in the table above. Make a list of the ingredients and draw a picture.

7. When you next visit a restaurant from one of the regions above, interview the owner about when they came to Australia.

8. Make a survey of 10 restaurants in your area. What countries are represented?

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